

SENATE BILL 2165
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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section
67-4-409(l)(3), relative to the agricultural
resources conservation fund.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Subsection 67-4-409(l), is amended by
deleting the language in subdivision (l) (3) and substituting instead the following:

(3) Expenditures from the agricultural resources conservation fund shall be made

for the promotion and implementation of agricultural management practices that
conserve and protect natural resources associated with agricultural production,
including, but not limited to, soil, water, air, plants and animals. The commissioner of
agriculture may spend up to five percent (5%) of the annual appropriations from this fund
on education of landowners, producers and managers concerning conservation and
protection practices. No more than ten percent (10%) of the annual appropriation from
this fund may be used for management costs associated with technical assistance to
accomplish the purposes of the fund and/or the administration of the fund. It is the intent
of the general assembly that the highest priority of the agricultural resources
conservation fund is to abate and prevent nonpoint source water pollution that may be
associated with agricultural production. Therefore, the commissioner of agriculture may
spend no more than fifteen percent (15%) of the annual appropriations from the fund for
the combined purposes of preventing or remedying air, noise, dust, and odor pollution,
or similar nuisance type environmental problems associated with agricultural production.

The commissioner of agriculture may expend agricultural resources conservation funds as matching dollars to secure additional funding to fulfill the purposes for which the fund was established.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.